(b) whether its share is now just 20 per cent as against 33 per cent ten years ago; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof and the action taken by Government to correct the slide?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK): (a) and (b) Though Air India's market share has declined marginally from 22.5% in 1991 to 20.4% in 2001. The market share of Indian carriers (Air India and Indian Airlines) has increased from 29.1% in 1991 to 30.4% in 2001. The decline in market share has been largely caused by the decline in Air India's capacity share. Foreign Airlines capacity to/from India has grown more strongly than that of Air India.

(c) Air India is currently in the process of finalizing its long term fleet plan which, *inter alia,* envisages the aggressive expansion of its capacity and traffic shares.

Second airport at metro cities

1951. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided against setting up second international airport in or around Delhi, Mumbai and Chennai;

(b) if so, whether Government have not yet taken any decision for leasing of airports to private operators;

(c) if so, what are the main reasons for not setting up of second international airport and also delaying decisions for leasing of airports to private operators;

(d) whether this project is pending for long; and

(e) whether Government have now finally decided to complete the process by the end of this year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK): (a) Proposals for setting up of second airport near Delhi and Mumbai have been received from the concerned State Governments. No decision has been taken against setting up of the airports.

(b) to (e) In November, 2000 the Government introduced a Bill to amend the AAI Act, 1994 to include an enabling provision for leasing airports of Airports Authority of India. The Department-Related Standing Committee on Transport and Tourism has examined the Bill and tabled the report on 21.11.2002. No firm schedule has been fixed to complete the process.

Profit earned by AI

1952. DR. ALLADI P. RAJKUMAR: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Air India has registered a profit during the first half of the current year; and

(b) if so, the amount of profit and the figures of profit of corresponding period last year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) As per provisional estimates, Air India has made a net profit of Rs. 46.79 crores during the first half of the current financial year as compared to net profit of Rs. 12.00 crores during the corresponding period last year.

Eligibility for Haj subsidy

1953. SHRI B.J. PANDA:
MISS MABEL REBELLO:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether any kind of subsidy is paid to Haj pilgrims; if so, what are the norms for eligibility;

(b) whether well-off and affluent pilgrims are also extended this benefit; if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether such kind of subsidy is also paid to the other Indian pilgrims for pilgrimage abroad; if so, the details thereof and if not the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK): (a) and (b) Subsidy is given by Government